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1. SUMMARY: DOLORES IBARRURI'S RECENT THREE-WEEK
"VACATION" IN YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY
MEETING WITH TITO AND LONG TANJUG INTERVIEW, RECEIVED
CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION IN YUGOSLAV PRESS. CAMACHO'S
STAY, FOR THE MOST PART, WAS BURIED IN THE BACK PAGES.
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GOS'S COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION IN YUGOSLAVIA INDICATED

NO SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF EITHER'S ACTIVITIES OR PURPOSES FOR COMING. VISITS LIKELY TIED TO YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO SOLIDIFY ITS RELATIONS WITH ITS ECPC ALLIES. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REF A SUGGESTS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA BY PCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND SPANISH WORKERS COMMISSIONS LEADER MARCELINO CAMACHO, WITH ONE MAJOR AND SEVERAL SMALLER EXCEPTIONS, WAS MEDIA NON-EVENT. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE MET WITH LCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SECRETARY STANE DOLANC (ON AUG 7) AND TO HAVE VISITED SEVERAL FACTORIES AND WORKERS ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WHERE REPORTS SAID HE WAS INTERESTED IN WORKING CONDITIONS AND SELF-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. ONLY PROMINENT COVERAGE HE RECEIVED CAME ON AUG 13, IN COVERING HIS VISIT TO A BELGRADE FACTORY. REPORTING HIS DISCUSSION ON THE "SPANISH ROAD TO SOCIALISM" AT THE BELGRADE ARGICULTURAL COMBINE, POLITIKA QUOTED CAMACHO AS SAYING: "WE ARE AGAINST THE ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN MODELS. WE WISH TO CONSTRUCT OUR OWN PARTICULAR PATH. FROM YOU WE WISH TO EXTRACT POSITIVE INSTRUCTION NATURALLY WITHOUT IMITATING. SELF-MANAGEMENT IN SOCIALISM IS, TO BE SURE, AN EXPERIENCE OF UNQUESTIONABLE VALUE. ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLAIN, WE WILL PROCEED ACROSS A SERIES OF PROCESSES WHICH DIFFER FROM THOSE THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE UNDERGONE." TANJUG PROVIDED A SIMILAR ACCOUNT OF HIS COMMENTS IN ITS RUSSIAN SERVICE ON THE SAME DAY.

3. CAMACHO WAS SUPPOSEDLY HERE WITH HIS WIFE AND WAS REPORTED TO HAVE VISITED A WORKERS ORGANIZATION IN DUBROVNIK ON AUG 9, THE DAY BEFORE PCE PRESIDENT DOLORES IBARRURI ARRIVED IN YUGOSLAVIA AND TWO DAYS BEFORE SHE ALSO WENT TO DUBROVNIK. THE PRESS CARRIED NO INDICATION THAT THE TWO MET, HOWEVER. CAMACHO'S HOSTS DURING HIS ROUND WERE LCY AND TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION MEMBERS.

4. BOTH POLITIKA AND BORBA (AUG 11) PLACED IBARRURI'S AUG 10 ARRIVAL FOR "A LIMITED VACATION" ON PAGE ONE, AND NEXT DAY CARRIED HER TRIP TO DUBROVNIK, WHERE SHE SEEMS TO HAVE SPENT MOST OF HER TIME HERE. DURING COURSE OF HER STAY, POLITIKA REPORTED ON HER INTERVIEW IN "L'HUMANITE" AND TANJUG NOTED THAT ON AUG 27 SHE

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"RECEIVED A GROUP OF 26 SPANIARDS RECENTLY PARDONED BY SPANISH AUTHORITIES."

5. HER AUG 28 MEETING ON BRIONI WITH TITO WAS CARRIED PROMINENTLY ON FRONT PAGES OF BOTH POLITIKA AND BORBA WITH IDENTICAL PHOTOGRAPH AND TANJUG STORY. THE TWO REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED "PEACE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE", BERLIN ECPC, COLOMBO NAC, AND "THE POSITIVE

PRESENT DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN" THE LCY AND
PCE.

6. ALSO FEATURED IN AUG 29 PRESS WAS AN INTERVIEW
SHE GAVE TO TANJUG WHILE AT DUBROVNIK, DURING WHICH SHE
MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO TITO AND YUGOSLAV
PEOPLE FOR "THEIR TRUE SOLIDARITY" WITH SPANISH PEOPLE AND
PCE. "WITH OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WE HAVE SOME OR
MUCH IN COMMON. BUT, HOWEVER, WE FEEL YUGOSLAVIA IS
SOMEHOW SPECIAL; WE FEEL IT--AS OUR OWN.";

B. DEMOCRACY IS IMPOSSIBLE IN SPAIN WITHOUT THE PCE;

C. A GENERAL AMNESTY, WITHOUT EXCEPTIONS, IS THE
PRIME CONDITION FOR A MINIMUM OF CONFIDENCE IN THE SUAREZ
GOVT;

D. ESSENTIAL FOR A UNITED OPPOSITION TO ENTER INTO
A DIALOGUE WITH THE GOVT IS FULFILLMENT OF A NUMBER
OF PRECONDITIONS AMONG WHICH ARE FREEZING OF THE "SO-
CALLED LAWS OF ASSOCIATION", CREATION OF A TRANSITIONAL
GOVT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION COMPRISING ALL
SIDES, AND CREATION OF AUTONOMOUS CATALONIAN, BASQUE,
AND GALICIAN GOVTS;

E. SHE IS PREPARED TO RETURN TO SPAIN "TO HELP IN
THE COUNTRY'S DEMOCRATIZATION"; AND

F. PCE HAS 150,000 MEMBERS, "BUT WE ARE PREPARING
TO REACH THE FIGURE OF 300,000."

7. ON HER LAST DAY IN YUGOSLAVIA, SHE MET WITH DOLANC,
WHO ALONG WITH LCY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER DOBRIVOJE
VIDIC, SAW HER OFF. NO DESTINATION WAS MENTIONED.

8. ACTING POLCOUN RAISED QUESTION OF BOTH VISITS WITH
SPANISH FIRST SECRETARY (MEMBER OF GOS COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATION
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IN BELGRADE) WHO INDICATED HE HAD NO SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE
OF ACTIVITIES OF EITHER IBARRURI OR CAMACHO. IN COMPLETE SER-
IOUSNESS HE REMARKED THAT NEITHER CARRIED A SPANISH PASSPORT AND
"BOTH ENTERED YUGOSLAVIA CLANDESTINELY."

9. COMMENT: FOR ANY OCTOGENARIAN WHO SPENDS GOOD DEAL
OF HER TIME IN MOSCOW, THREE WEEKS ON THE ADRIATIC
MUST SEEM LIKE A BREATH OF SPRING. NEVERTHELESS,
YUGOSLAVS ASSUREDLY USED BOTH VISITS TO STRENGTHEN LCY-
PCE TIES IN POST ECPC PERIOD WHEN SOVIETS AND THEIR
ALLIES ARE BEGINNING TO INTERPRET BERLIN'S FINAL
DOCUMENT TO THEIR LIKING. PRESENTLY YUGOSLAVS ALSO ARE
INTERESTED IN RAISING LEVEL OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH SPAIN
TO EMBASSY STATUS. (SPANISH FIRST SECRETARY SAID YUGOSLAVS ARE
PREDICTING THIS YEAR, WHILE SPANISH ARE NOT EXPECTING

AGREEMENT UNTIL 1977). IN LIGHT OF THIS, YUGOSLAVS
PROBABLY ALSO USED VISITS TO EXPLAIN STATE OF THEIR
RELATIONS WITH GOS TO PCE VISITORS.
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